

Maneuvers To Rule Mediterranean In Case Of War Begin

AWAIT FINDING OF INQUEST ON MINE PLANTING

Albania Takes First Step to Close the Mouth of Adriatic.

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LONDON, Nov. 22.—The American squadron now cruising through the eastern Mediterranean is patrolling waters where the fight for domination of the inland sea has already begun.

This is indicated by international naval findings in the Corfu mine cases. The inquest was conducted by the "inter-allied central mine clearance board," comprising the United States, Britain, Russia, France and Greece, with Yugoslavia absent.

Albania, smallest Soviet satellite of the Balkans, is taking the first step to close the mouth of the Adriatic by clandestine mine fields in waters hitherto held free for allied naval traffic.

Strategically, this move seems directly connected with the Russian-Yugoslav-Albanian effort to pry American and British forces out of Trieste. An Adriatic, closed by mines, would be Soviet-dominated on the eastern shore and later, possibly, also on the western coast, if a Communist government should come to power in Italy.

43 Lives Lost

The allies have been trying to determine why two of their destroyers exploded, with a loss of 43 lives, a few weeks ago in Corfu channel after it supposedly had been swept clean.

This important passage is the linchpin between the Greek and Albanian coasts, since Corfu faces both. Moreover, Greek Corfu is the traditional summer cruise base for the British Mediterranean fleet, alternating with Argostolion in southern Greece.

The British swept the passage last year. But the admiralty's second sweeping this month was necessary to determine whether the October explosions were due to accidentally overlooked or drifting mines. Instead of finding only one or two loose mines, British sweepers found 22 riding the tides of this current-swept passage.

Final Report Awaited

Moreover, mine experts—whose final report is still awaited—say that these mines were laid within six months. But they are close-mouthed about what power manufactured them.

Albania's apparent act in mining its territorial waters, like its act in firing on British ships which passed through Corfu passage last May, is lawful even though hostile.

Where the Albanians have overstepped international usage is in failing to give notice that they

Advise Owners How to Heat Homes



Alfred K. Jones, (left) and Donald S. McCloskey who have been telling home owners how to heat their homes at the Indianapolis Schools for Home Planners, "heat up" for the fifth in the home planning series Monday at Shortridge high school. Mr. Jones is in charge of co-ordination of distribute education for Indianapolis schools and Mr. McCloskey is a heating engineer.



Mr. Weller

have closed the northern entrance to the Corfu passage, which is customary in peacetime.

The British accept the challenge by sweeping without Albanian consent.

Hug Italian Shore

American warships making the run northward to Trieste hug the Italian shore of the Adriatic and are in no immediate danger of being blown up by mines. But, long-term domination of Corfu's deepwater naval harbor—with artillery positions within easy 75-caliber distance of both Albanian and Greek shores—is at stake in the mining of the northern entrance without open warning.

Moreover, Albanian and Greek highways which lead to Epirus, subject of Greece's claim against Albania, meet at the Adriatic.

It is evident that American mine-sweepers as well as airplane carriers and destroyers will be necessary in the Mediterranean as the struggle for position develops. Lacking, however, any formally authorized permanent naval bases in the eastern Mediterranean, American ships have little leverage other than as a "fleet in being."

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RICHMOND BAKERY PICKETING IS ENDED

RICHMOND, Ind., Nov. 22 (U.P.)—A temporary restraining order was in force today, preventing members of two A. F. of L. unions from picketing the plant of the Richmond Baking Co.

Circuit Judge C. H. Hoelscher of Wayne county issued the order against James Katz, business agent of the A. F. of L. Teamsters union local, and C. R. Kinnaman, vice president of the A. F. of L. Bakery Employees local union.

Picketing ceased after the order was issued. Previously, President Eugene Quigg of the baking company charged that picketing was a threat to the plant's operation.

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NEW PLANE MAY HIT 1700 M.P.H.

Tests on 1st Supersonic U. S. Craft to Begin.

By CHARLES CORDERY
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Sometime between Dec. 1 and 15, a young Bell Aircraft Corp. test pilot plans to go aloft in this country's first supersonic plane, the XS-1.

He will explore the mysteries and dangers of flight in the tricky region around the speed of sound.

The rocket-powered plane that 23-year-old Chalmers "Slick" Goodlin of Greensburg, Pa., will fly at Muroc air field, Cal., was designed as an army air forces airborne laboratory with a top speed of 1700 miles an hour at 80,000 feet.

It is the result of combined efforts of Bell, producer of the nation's first jet plane, the A. A. F. and the national advisory committee for aeronautics.

The N. A. C. A. paved the way to its construction through months of research on the problems likely to be encountered at the speed of sound—763 miles an hour at sea level.

But no one knows except in

theory what will happen to the plane when it passes out of the subsonic speed region, where air flows smoothly over its surfaces.

Beyond the speed of sound, there will be an invisible wall: "messengers" which travel in the air at the speed of sound will not be able to prepare for the onrushing plane and the air will pile up under and over the plane, causing vibration instead of a smooth flow.

Will Work Up Gradually

Some authorities believe that the late Geoffrey De Havilland, famed British pilot, hit the supersonic wall when his radically designed jet plane disintegrated suddenly during a test flight about seven weeks ago.

Mr. Goodlin, who flew with the Royal Canadian air force, the Royal air force and eventually with the U. S. navy, plans to work up to the sound barrier gradually.

Bell's contract with the AAF provides that first powered flights of the XS-1 will be up to 80 per cent of the speed of sound, or about 600 miles an hour.

Rocket to Be Used Finally

After about 20 such flights, the AAF said today, attempts will be made to push through the barrier of sound. Engineers of the supersonic plane are unable to anticipate anything beyond the transonic speed range (600 to 800 mph.), for beyond this point nothing is known.

The XS-1 is the sturdiest plane ever built. It will ultimately be

powered by a rocket motor with 6000 pounds thrust. At first, however, an alternate will be used. With the latter, the top speed is estimated at 1000 miles an hour at 60,000 feet.

Described by the AAF as the "most significant engineering development of the year," the XS-1, a small plane 31 feet long with 28-foot wingspan, is the forerunner of tomorrow's supersonic military planes.

MRS. SMILEY NAMED BY CHURCHWOMEN

Mrs. J. H. Smiley was re-elected president of the Indianapolis Council of Churchwomen today at their semi-annual meeting in St. John's Evangelical and Reformed church.

Mrs. Arthur J. Legeber, former auditor, was elected second vice president. Mrs. A. M. Welchons was elected treasurer and Mrs. Roy Sahn, auditor. Additional officers and the positions to which they were re-elected are Mrs. John Carter, third vice president; Mrs. E. B. Carpenter, recording secretary, and Mrs. I. Albert Moore, assistant.

Also re-elected were Mrs. C. E. Oldham, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Virgil Steinbaugh, historian; and Mrs. Ralph L. Holland, parliamentarian.

DEFER HONG KONG ACTION

NANKING, Nov. 22 (U.P.)—The Chinese government has taken no

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NAMED ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 22 (U.P.)—Thomas E. Bath, Mishawaka, newly elected secretary of state, today named Deputy Attorney General Frank V. Dice of Peru as chief assistant secretary of state.

Both men will begin their new duties Dec. 2.

Mr. Dice, 33-year-old naval veteran of world war II, has been active in Indiana Republican politics many years.

He was appointed deputy attorney general by Atty. Gen. James A. Ement in January, 1943, one year before enlisting in the navy as an apprentice seaman.

Promoted to ensign and later to lieutenant, junior grade, Mr. Dice served on the cruiser "Birmingham" in the Pacific. He was discharged last March.

The new assistant secretary of state is a native of Peru, where he established a law practice in 1935 after graduating with honors from the Indiana University school of law. He is a member of the Miami county and Indiana state bar associations, is married and has a four-year-old daughter.

He succeeds Gilbert E. Ogles of Greencastle.

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